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City of Helena

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Dear Senator,

On behalf of the City of Helena Fire Department I am asking that Senate Bill 130 be revised to protect the fire prevention needs of local jurisdictions and those we serve by preserving existing local options. This can be done by deleting Section 3 (a), (b), and (c) of proposed changes to MCA 50-61-102. By deleting these sections, the code adoption can continue without adversely affecting many organizations throughout the State of Montana and will allow the Environmental Quality Council to work with the Fire Service to meet all of Montana's needs.

I thank you for your consideration and will be available for questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Steve Larson

Fire Chief

Helena Fire Department